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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of information consultations

United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2003,[1] which underlined the importance of alliances and partnerships among actors in different sectors for the promotion of integrated rural development,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 60/215 of 22 December 2005,

Recalling further its resolutions 2004/49 of 23 July 2004 and 2005/42 of 26 July 2005 on the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development, endorsing Madagascar and the Dominican Republic as first and second pilot countries,

Underlining the importance of the contribution of the private sector, non-governmental organizations and civil society in general to the implementation of the outcomes of United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling the central role and responsibility of Governments in national and international policymaking,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 58/129 of 19 December 2003 and 60/215 of 22 December 2005, entitled "Towards global partnerships", in which the Assembly, inter alia, identified the principles and objectives of such partnerships and welcomed the establishment of a multitude of partnerships at the field level, entered into by various United Nations organizations, Member States and other stakeholders, such as the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development,

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/58/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 35.

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Looking forward to the consideration of the issue of rural development by the Commission on Sustainable Development during its implementation cycle 2008-2009,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[2]

2. *Welcomes* the support provided by Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, the private sector, non-governmental and civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders to promote relevant efforts in the pilot countries of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development;

3. *Takes note* of the recent launch of the Public-Private Alliance Foundation, as described in the letter dated 8 June 2007 addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council from the representatives of Madagascar and the Dominican Republic to the United Nations;[3]

4. *Welcomes* the expressed interest and initiative of the Governments of Angola and Ethiopia to serve as the third and fourth pilot countries for the United Nations Public-Private Alliance;

5. *Invites* all Member States, the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, the Bretton Woods institutions, civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders to support the programmes and activities of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance in its mission to promote sustainable rural development, consistent with relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Council;

6. *Stresses* that activities of the funds, programmes and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system at the country level in support of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance should, whenever possible, be part of the implementation of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework;

7. *Invites* Madagascar and the Dominican Republic, as pilot countries of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance, with the support from relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to conduct an evaluation of the existing capacities of the relevant mechanisms for promoting and fast-tracking public-private partnerships;

8. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system and the Bretton Woods institutions that have established public-private partnership offices to assist in advocacy and in facilitating partnerships for sustainable rural development;

9. *Reaffirms* its resolve to create an environment that is conducive to sustainable development and the elimination of poverty, and invites Governments of the pilot countries to further consult with the private sector with a view to strengthening public-private partnerships in support of the Millennium Development Goals;

10. *Encourages* national and international development partners involved with public-private partnerships to share their experiences and best practices;

11. *Calls for* further dissemination of information and strengthening of global advocacy in favour of the pilot countries;

[2] E/2007/61.
[3] E/2007/81.

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2009 on the implementation of the work of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance.